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Application No.: Unassigned)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: April 6, 2001)	
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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING SEALED)	
PACKAGES CONTAINING POURABLE)	
FOOD PRODUCTS FROM A TUBE OF)	
PACKING MATERIAL, AND PACKING)	
UNIT IMPLEMENTING SUCH A)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, it is requested that the following amendments be entered.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 1-14 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method of producing sealed packages containing pourable food products from a tube of heat seal sheet packing material fed along a vertical path and filled continuously with said food product; said method comprising the steps of:
- pressure gripping equally spaced cross sections of said tube by means of at least two pairs of jaws acting cyclically and successively on the tube;

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